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1. Prague-Kbely is a military as well as a test field since MIG-15's cannot take off and land on the shorter Prague-Letnany strip. A direct route has been built connecting the Rudy Letov plant hangars on Letnany field with Kbely so that the MIG's can be towed to the latter.
2. The Kbely runway is between 25 and 30 meters wide and quite long. It is being lengthened to the east as may be observed from the train between Satalice and Kbely. A large wooden barracks is visible on the airfield and nearby a sandheap, cement, and construction machinery.
3. Construction at Kbely is being done by the Posista firm which is subsidized by the military. Many military trucks are in operation on the project. 25X1
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4. Outsiders cannot enter the field. All places from which observation of the field can be made are guarded.
5. The number of MIG-15's at the field is difficult to estimate; landings and take-offs, however, are frequent.
6. Only piston-driven airplanes take off and land at Letnany airfield; they are of such types as Siebel, Arado, Heinkel, and Ilyushin-10. The hangars do not appear to be in use, since many machines are visible in front of the hangars through the wire which surrounds the field. The majority are two-meter Siebels.
7. The Cakovice airfield is used only for the test flights of planes produced at the Avia plant. The situation, however, is changing because of the 12 meter wide way which is being built towards Letnany. The throughway will cut the road between Letnany and Kbely.

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8. Prague-Cakovice runway construction has not been completed. Next to the building site lie a large number of fire-clay pipes (Schamotttröhren) of about 30 centimeter diameter. It is presumed that the surface of the runway will be grass, not concrete.
9. Kbely has more taxiways than Letnany field.

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